Our country is sick and in desperate need of healing. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and what a critical part the media plays in whether we heal or sicken further.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies (at least those with selfserving agendas) control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

I ask you to please strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Our children thank you.